

Meeting Date: July 19, 2007

Agenda Item No. 6C

Agenda Item: PR Budget Adjustment

Approved by: _____

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Background:

Federal aid generated through the Pittman Robertson Act provides money to each state for wildlife restoration. PR funds are apportioned to each state by a formula that takes into account hunting license sales and federal tax revenues generated from an excise tax on guns and ammunition. The PR apportionment for Idaho increased from \$4 to \$4.6 million for FY08. There was no significant event prompting an increase in gun or ammunition sales so this level of federal aid apportionment will likely remain stable. This budget modification reflects proposed changes to three PR funded grants; (1) Technical Assistance Grant-NRPB, (2) Survey & Inventory Grant-Wildlife Bureau, and (3) Habitat Management Grant-Wildlife Bureau.

Statutory Authority and/or Policy Issues:

Policy A4.02B: These budget modifications delegated to the director shall be summarized and presented to the commission for its information and concurrence.

Public Involvement Process:

None.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends the Director authorize spending authority to increase the federal share of PR budgets by \$721,200 for FY08. Non-federal match will be shifted from existing license budgets into 22 PR budgets that will be increased in FY08.

Justification:

Funding is available for budget increases and this budget modification does not increase demand on license funds.